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MEMORANDUM FOR: The President  
 The Vice President  
 Secretary of State  
 Secretary of the Treasury  
 Secretary of Defense  
 Secretary of Commerce  
 United States Trade Representative  
 Assistant to the President for  
 National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: SNIE 3/11-2-82: The Soviet Gas Pipeline  
in Perspective

1. This Special National Intelligence Estimate undertakes to evaluate the impact on Western security of the Yamal pipeline and other elements of East-West economic relations--the operation of COCOM, export of oil equipment and technology, potential expansion of Soviet gas sales to Europe in the 1990s and subsidized Western credit.

2. I believe that these assessments provide a strong factual and analytical foundation for formulating our policy on economic relations with the USSR and for beginning to build some sort of consensus with our Allies on how to place these relations in a strategic context.

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